

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Sanction has already been issued for opening 12 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices in Gazipur District. The details are given in the enclosed statement.

STATEMENT

Names of places in district Gazipur of Uttar Pradesh for which sanction has been issued for opening of 12 extra department branch post offices.

1. Khanshali
2. Bharsar
3. Deoria
4. Vashu Chak
5. Ameda
6. Akrampur Banjarpur
7. Semure
8. Sabbalpur Kalan
9. Nasirpur
10. Asaon
11. Meerpur
12. Atraon

Kutir Jyoti Yojana in Bihar

3205. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have started "Kutir Jyoti" scheme in Bihar;

(b) if so, the amount allocated by the Union Government to the State Electricity Board for the implementation of this scheme through "Rural Electrification Corporation Limited".

(c) whether the Government propose to give any concession to the beneficiaries under this scheme especially to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d). With a view to provided single-point light connections to the households of rural families below the poverty line, including Harijans and Adivasis, a welfare programme known as 'Kutir Jyoti' was initiated by the Government in 1988-89, all over the country, including Bihar. Under the scheme, which was financed from Central grants during 1988-89 and 1989-90, the task of identifying the beneficiaries was vested with the State Government concerned. The Rural Electrification Corporation allocation in all, Rs. 419.933 lakhs to the Bihar State Electricity Board under the programme, for releasing 1,99,605 single point light connections. According to the available information, the State Electricity Board has released 1,67,836 connections.

The scheme was not continued after 31.3.1991.

[English]

Post Offices in the Country

3206. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: